



ROADWISE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995

The functions of the RoadWise Committee are:

- (1) To provide a structured forum for stakeholders to consider and discuss road safety issues; and*
- (2) To discuss and make recommendation regarding the identification and appropriate counter measures to negative attitudinal, behavioural and environmental factors linked to enforcement, engineering, education, encouragement and evaluation of road safety initiatives.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee will be held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324, 2.00pm Thursday 7 March 2013

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr Len Handasyde, Cr Gert Messmer - Local Government Elected members, Mr Dominic Le Cerf - Manager Works and Services, Ms Erin McDonald-Lee - RoadWise Officer, Mr Andrew Duffield - Main Roads WA, Sergeant Allan Keogh - Mount Barker Police, Mr Wesley Beck - Mount Barker Community College, Mr Arthur Patterson - Community Representative, Mabelle Jeffrey – Department of Transport (Resolution No. 243/11), Mr Greg Sounness – Mount Barker Community College Parents and Citizens Association (Resolution No. 72/12)

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Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Chairperson: Mr D Le Cerf

Membership: Quorum (4)

Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative
Cr G Messmer	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms E McDonald-Lee	RoadWise Officer
Mr A Duffield	Main Roads WA
Sgt A Keogh	Mount Barker Police
Mr W Beck	Mount Barker Community College
Mr A Patterson	Community Representative
Mr G Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P&C Association
Ms M Jeffrey	Department of Transport

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.03PM, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present

Cr Len Handasyde	Chairpreson
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms Erin McDonald-Lee	Roadwise Officer
Mr Arthur Patterson	Community Representative
Mr Greg Sounness	Mount Barker Community College P & C
Mr Andrew Duffield	Main Roads WA
S/C Alan Sommerville	Mount Barker Police (from 2.47pm)

Apologies:

Cr Gert Messmer	Council Representative
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Staff:

Ms Vanessa Ward	Senior Administration/Project Officer Works and Services
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3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the RoadWise Committee, held Thursday 17 January 2013, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The following correspondence was received:

- Letter of resignation from Mr Wes Beck

Discussion was held regarding the nomination of Mr Roger Barratt.

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That Mr Roger Barratt be accepted as a representative of the Mount Barker Community College to the Shire of Plantagenet RoadWise Committee.

CARRIED

Action: Letter of thanks be sent to Wes Beck for his efforts on the Shire of Plantagenet RoadWise Committee.

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

4.1 SAFE SPEEDS

4.1.1 SAM TRAILER

The SAM Trailer was displayed on Woogenellup Road on the commencement of school, however during this time an object has been thrown at the LED screen and damaged it. Quotes for the repairs are currently being sought.

Photos of the damage sustained are at Appendix 1.

A 12 month Calendar of usage is attached at Appendix 2.

4.1.2 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

4.2 SAFE ROAD USE

4.2.1 ALBANY HIGHWAY PROJECT - PROMOTING DRIVING WITH YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON

Action: Mr Le Cerf to liaise with MRWA, other Councils and landowners as required regarding preferred sites for each of the signs.

Letters have been sent to MRWA seeking approval for the erection of the signs on the Albany Highway Road Reserve. Letters also sent to the Shires of Cranbrook and Kojonup.

Signs have been completed by Albany Signs and are awaiting collection.

Signs have been collected from Albany Signs and approval is pending from Main Roads WA on the locations for installation.

4.2.2 DRIVER REVIVER DAY / WEEKEND

Driver Reviver was held on Friday 1 March and Saturday 2 March 2013. Discussion on the success/outcome of this event.

Thanks to all volunteers who helped run this event.

A total of 40 vehicles passed through the Driver Reviver stop on Friday night and Saturday morning. It was agreed that the stop needed to be on the opposite side of the road to capture the south bound traffic. The possibility of moving the Driver Reviver to different locations was also discussed.

Action: Ms McDonald-Lee to discuss the possibility of a joint Driver Reviver with the Shire of Cranbrook for the long weekend in June. It was proposed to operate between the hours of 7pm – Midnight on Friday night and 7am – 2pm on Saturday.

It was also suggested that the event be put on facebook to target as many people as possible.

Action: Ms Ward to organise an article for the Plantagenet News on the recently held Driver Reviver.

The committee extend its thanks to Ms Ward for the organisation of the Driver Reviver held on March 1 and 2 and the corner of Sturdee Road and Albany Highway.

4.2.3 BLESSING OF THE ROADS

Proposed Event Running Sheet attached (Appendix 3) for approval by committee.

Mr Duffield advised that the Shire of Cranbrook and North Albany Senior High School are also participating in Blessing of the Roads.

4.2.4 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

4.2.5 DOUBLE WHITE LINE CROSSINGS

Possibility of media campaign discouraging crossing a double white line. For discussion.

Action: Sgt Keogh to organise an article for the local paper.

Moved: Cr Messmer, Seconded: Mr Sounness

A letter be written to the Road Safety Council expressing our concern over the number of incidents involving double white line crossings and request a media campaign. See Appendix 4

OTHER

Mr Duffield advised the meeting that Main Roads WA recently had a case when a Traffic Controller was hit by a vehicle. A media campaign needs to occur regarding driving in roadworks, which are work sites.

Mount Barker Police are currently enforcing speed zones, however their presence within these worksites causes inattention by other drivers.

4.3 SAFE VEHICLES

4.3.1 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Action: Committee members to think of ideas for a Media Release to be printed in the Plantagenet News regarding the Safe Vehicles cornerstone – ideas could include: check your tyres, change your wiper blades, appropriate tyre pressures.

Action: A media release about the important of regular maintenance of vehicles, trailers, caravans, boats and the securing of loads be prepared for the local paper.

Action: Ms McDonald-Lee to draft a media release on safe vehicles.

4.4 SAFE ROADS & ROADSIDES

4.4.1 SPENCER ROAD / YELLANUP ROAD - ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Mr Duffield advised that approval had been received to clear and maintain the intersection to a height of 500mm. This will greatly improve the sight lines at this intersection.

Mr Duffield advised that the intersection of Yellanup Road and Albany Highway had been cleared and will now be maintained to a height of 500mm.

4.4.2 STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE – ALBANY HIGHWAY

Council considered this item at its meeting held on 29 January 2013 and resolved:

That:

- 1. A site north of the railway crossing but south of the Lowood Road Intersection, as shown on the concept plan as submitted by Main Roads WA, be endorsed as the preferred location for a proposed children's crossing on Albany Highway;*
- 2. The minor footpath realignment works required to facilitate the crossing in Part 1 above, be endorsed; and*
- 3. The adequacy of the location in Part 1 above as a site for a children's crossing be reassessed 12 months from the date of its installation.'*

The Mount Barker Community College has been advised.

Mr Duffield advised that the Liberal Party had recently announced that if elected on March 9 that every school zone would have electronic signage installed.

Action: Dominic to arrange a traffic counter to be placed within the school zone on Woogenellup Road to monitor vehicle speeds.

4.4.3 HAY RIVER ROAD/ST WERBURGHS ROAD INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT

2013/2014 State Black Spot Application submitted in July 2012.

Awaiting on final approval from DEC for clearing. This was advertised on 18 February 2013. Informal advice received from DEC indicates that a formal decision should be made on the 7 March 2013.

4.4.4 TURNING LANE – O'NEILL ROAD/ALBANY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION

Action: Mr Le Cerf to speak with Mr Peter Stringer regarding a design for this intersection and then apply to MRWA regarding costing.

Mr Le Cerf sent an email to Peter Stringer (MRWA) regarding this action (23/8/12).

Mr Le Cerf advised that there is no money in the current budget and it may possibly be a Blackspot Application.

Action: Main Roads WA to complete the design and cost estimate for the installation of a turning lane from Albany Highway into O'Neill Road.

Action: Mr Le Cerf to send a letter to Main Roads WA regarding the funding and construction of a turning lane from Albany Highway into O'Neill Road.

4.4.5 WET WEATHER VISIBILITY – INTERSECTIONS

Action: Mr Duffield to schedule a night audit of the Muir Highway / Eulup-Manurup Road intersection to determine visibility issues and provide recommendations to rectify any issues identified.

Action: Mr Patterson to follow up with the member of the public for feedback regarding suggested solutions.

4.4.6 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

5. AGENCY REPORTS

- Main Roads WA
Advised that the retro Reflective Pavement (RRP) is slowly progressing south.
Both political parties (if elected) have promised 9 further passing lanes.
 - Mount Barker Police
Change in legislation – it is now automatic disqualification of Drivers Licence if you register 0.08 and if you are caught driving during a period of disqualification then the car is impounded.
Need to get the message across that “roadies” are not ok. This is especially applicable to FIFO workers. Do the mining companies have a duty of care?
 - Shire of Plantagenet
Currently working on the 2013/2014 budget . There is a workshop planned at the March meeting of Council. The Five Year Road
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funding program will also be discussed at the next RoadWise meeting (2 May 2013). The Plant Replacement Policy is also being workshopped.

5 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2 May 2013 at 2.00pm

6 MEETING CLOSURE

3.40pm. the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ **DATE** __/__/__